



Reply To
Attn Of: WD-133

JUL 30 1993

**CERTIFIED MAIL--
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Jo N Miles
City of Toppenish
21 W 1st Avenue
Toppenish, Washington 98948

RE: Soil and Ground-water Investigation

Dear Mr. Miles:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will conduct a general investigation of the widespread petroleum contamination in the Toppenish, Washington area starting August 9, 1993. As part of the investigation we plan to take a large number of soil/water samples around Toppenish, some of which may be on or near your property at 21 W 1st Avenue, Toppenish, Washington. In this letter, we request that you sign the enclosed "Consent for Access to Property" and make it available for an EPA representative to pick up at your facility on August 13, 1993. Enclosed is an EPA Press Release that describes the project.

To set your mind at ease, impact to you and your site from the sampling should be minimal, cause little inconvenience, and should not interrupt your business. We will be sampling in your area sometime between August 9-30, 1993. Sampling will consist of placing small (2-inch diameter) soil gas monitoring tubes 18 inches into the ground, and in some cases drilling a 2-inch diameter, 8-10 foot deep hole to obtain soil, soil gas, or water samples. After sampling, we will fill and repair all holes and remove any soil or other debris generated. Sampling will require access twice; once to place the monitors and once to remove them.

We would like to complete the sampling as quickly and easily as possible, and we hope to work cooperatively with you in completing this project. Obtaining your signed "Consent for Access To Property" form will simplify the process, and also indicate your willingness to work with EPA.

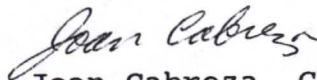
EPA is granted authority to conduct such testing and sampling under Section 9005(a) of the Resource Conservation and



Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6991d. If we are unable to obtain your written consent, we will, if necessary, seek a court warrant to obtain the access needed to complete this project. Again, we hope this will not be necessary.

We want to make you feel comfortable about the investigation, so if you have any questions concerning the survey, please feel free to contact Denise Baker at (206) 553-2115, Harold Scott at (206) 553-1587, or myself at (206) 553-1643. If you have any questions concerning EPA's authority to conduct such activities on your property, please contact Deborah Hilsman, Assistant Regional Counsel, at (206) 553-1810.

Sincerely,



Joan Cabreza, Chief
Underground Storage Tank Section

Enclosure